# The Five Worlds

## of Biblical Revelation

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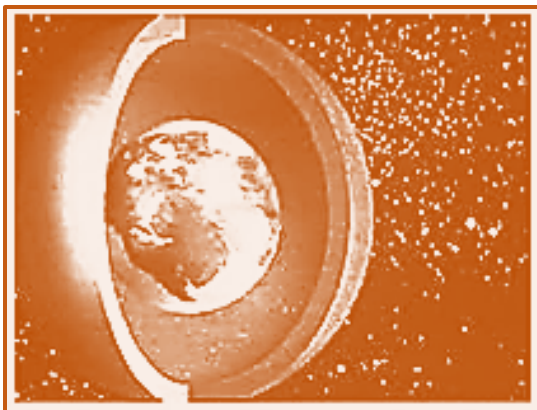
- The world as it was initially created—pristine & free from the Curse
- A perfect world (Gen. 1:31)—no sin, death, disease, decay
- Animals harmless and under human subjection, in peace and perfect harmony both with men & with one another
- The planet surrounded by a vapor canopy (Gen. 1:6-8), protecting Earth from destructive outer-space energies & ensuring a warm, globally uniform environment

- A hydrologic system based upon local evaporation & condensation (Gen. 2:5-6; "dew") & spring-fed rivers (Gen. 2:10-14); no rainfall or rainbows (Gen. 9:13).
- Man enjoys direct dominion over creation (Gen. 1:28)
- The earth probably had a single continent (e.g., insinuated by the animal migration of Gen. 6:20) with smaller oceans and lower mountain ranges (Gen. 7:19-20)



# EARTH II

## From the Fall to the Flood

- The world retains its original atmospheric system, warm climate, and topography
- Man loses his original dominion

- A sin-drenched, fallen world covered with unrestrained violence (Gen. 6:11)
- Demonic corruption of the human race by Fallen Angels (Gen. 6:1-3; Jude 6); the Nephilim (giants) appear (Gen. 6:4)

The "Sons of God" (Gen. 6:2)

The Nephilim ("Fallen Ones")

The reign of tooth & claw; animals turn vicious, with no fear of mankind (cf. Gen. 9:2)

Humans reach lifespans of over nine centuries—but return to dust (Gen. 5)

- The Day of the Dragon; monster reptiles rule land, air, and sea (cf., Job 40:15-41:34)

## The Present Heavens & Earth, lasting from Noah's Flood unto the Dawn of the Millennial Kingdom...

- The earth-shattering (Gen. 7:11) effects of the Flood result in a new topography, with new continents.
- The drying-off process results in towering mountain ranges (Ps.104:6-9)
- The collapse of the Vapor Canopy (Gen. 7:11-12) results in...
  ...a new hydrologic cycle,
  ...seasonal cycles,
  ...temperature extremes, with deserts and frozen poles,
  ...vast oceans and less available land-surface,
  ...bombardment by energies from outer-space
- The human lifepan is greatly reduced
- Various species–including the ruling reptiles–become extinct

## EARTH IV

### The glorious 1,000 Year Millennial Kingdom of the lord Jesus Christ

- The Earth is refreshed & renewed (Acts 3:19-21) under the perfect rule of Messiah.
- BUT the Millennium is NOT the Eternal State!

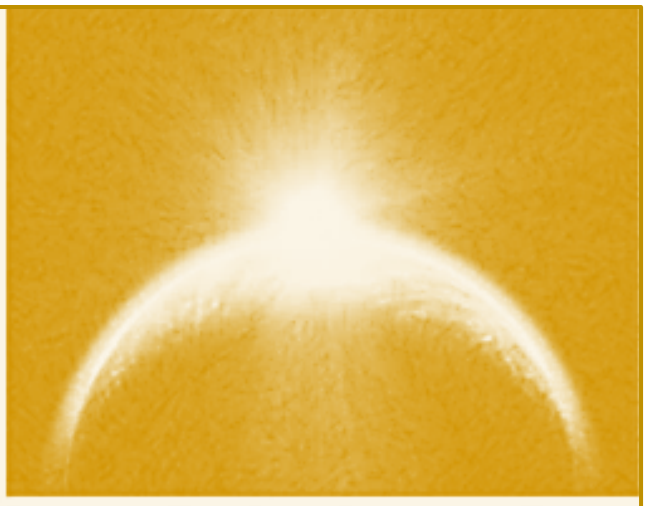
Imperfections and aspects of the Curse yet remain!

- The geologic upheavels of the Tribulation Period (cf., Rev. 6:12, 16:18) will result in a changed topography (cf., Zech. 14:4, 10), restoring the milder topography of Creation (cf., Isa. 40:4).
- The pleasant climate of Creation will be restored, and the deserts of Earth will bloom (Isa. 32:15-16; 35:1-2; 7)
- Animal life will be restored to its original benevolent character (Isa. 11:6-9; 65:25)
- Vast human longevity restored (Isa. 65:20)

# EARTH V

## The New Heavens and the New Earth (Rev. 21-22)

The old earth passes away in atomic disintegration and a New Heaven & Earth is created (2 Pet. 3:10)



- The Curse removed! No death, decay, sin, sorrow, nor imperfections!
- No more sea (Rev. 21:1)
- The vast cubical city built by Christ (John 14:3), the New Jerusalem, descends from Heaven to the New Earth (Rev. 21:2). The city measures 1,500 miles high, 1,500 miles wide, and 1,500 miles long, with 2,000,000 square miles of living space (Rev. 21:15-16).

"I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it."--Rev. 21:22-24